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From the Pastor's Desk



Pastor's Update on Re-opening Our Building

The consistory of Christ's Church met on May 5th, and we discussed how to approach the decision of opening up our building for services again. We have been hosting online services for about two months now, and we, along with the many of you that we've heard from, are greatly desiring to worship and meet together in-person. However, we must be wise in our decisions.

Last Friday, many states across the nation eased up the restrictions on businesses opening, among them was my native Iowa. Close to where I grew up, a small church in a county with less than 100 confirmed cases of Covid-19 decided to hold services in-person last Sunday. From what I heard, the service was everything we are looking forward to: a rousing celebration and a chance for friends and family to reconnect in-person. Two days later an attendee tested positive for Covid-19.

At our meeting on May 5th, we established several teams that are looking into what opening will look like. We are putting together a set of guidelines to determine appropriate circumstances for having services in our building, for responsibly conducting services, and how to continue to offer online services. We do not have a date at this time that we are intending to re-open the building, but we will keep you all updated as we progress. As I was reminded recently, our church never closed: we are simply operating outside of our building.

In Love and Truth,
Milan Johnson



Worship Online With Us!

Pastor Milan is back in the saddle this week, so join us Sunday morning as we continue to look at "The Psalms of David: A Story of Worship."

"Chat" will open at 9:00 AM, and we encourage you to [join us](#) between 9:15 and 9:30 to be ready to worship at 10:00 AM. (Remember to have your communion elements ready.)



Congregational Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, May 17th, immediately following the conclusion of our online worship service, members of Christ's Church are encouraged to join us for a brief meeting to approve the elder (Kevin) and deacon (Paul) selected to serve on consistory.

[Click here](#) to join the meeting.

**Please note that due to the number of people we hope to see in this meeting, you will be muted upon joining the meeting. This is an attempt to keep the interruptions created by background noise, coughing, throat clearing, etc to a minimum. If you have something to say during the meeting you will be able to unmute yourself, and we ask that you mute yourself again after you finish speaking. Thank you!

(If you can't join us via video, a call in option is available. Please contact christchurchstp@gmail.com for details.)



Weekend Food Program

LINKS is missing a few more things for the May 25th delivery.

- Ramen Noodle/Mac & Cheese Cups (44 needed)
- Applesauce/Fruit Cups (131 needed)
- Granola Bars (30 needed)

If you'll provide any of these items, please let Brenda know what and how many. Items can be dropped off at the church, or at Brenda's home.

Thank you to all who have made food donations, monetary donations, shopped for food and had food delivered. We are filled with gratitude for YOU!



Congratulations!

Congrats to Paul Morr (deacon) and Kevin Rust (elder) who were selected last Sunday and will be joining the Consistory in June. Both have served in these roles before and we look forward to their return!

3 Ways To Give



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in the plate.



ONLINE

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Text the
amount to
84321

Thank You!!

We're incredibly thankful for your continued commitment to mail in and use text (84321) or [online giving](http://celebrating.org) options for your tithes and offerings to help us carry on the mission and ministries of Christ's Church!

Please continue to remember the Crisis Fund if you are able to give a little extra, and [Blessing Bags](#) to help us have some groceries on hand for our community that is in need.

If you, or someone you know, could use some help with groceries, bill-paying, etc please let the church know at christchurchstp@gmail.com.



Connect with Others!

While we can't gather for worship, small groups, social groups or anything in between, you're invited to join one (or all) of the following as a way to stay grounded in our shared faith and trust in God, and to stay connected to others. If you'd like to join, please contact the leaders/hosts listed below.

Video Small Group Opportunities -

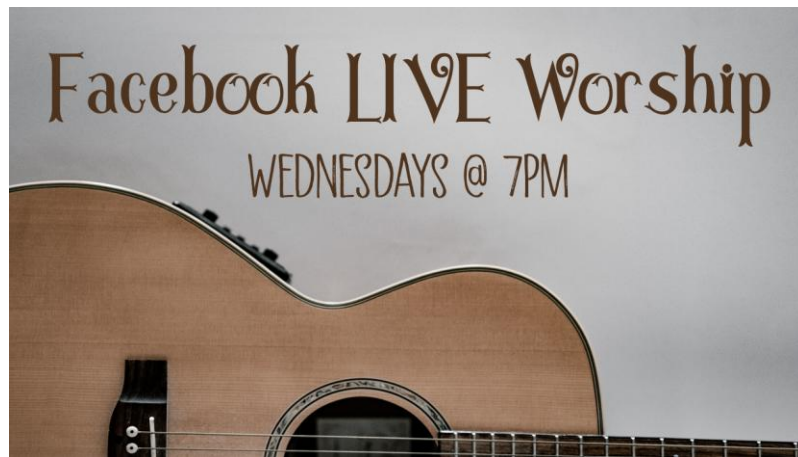
Keith and Lisa - Sundays at 6:00 PM ~ Discussion Topic TBD

Kevin and Anne - Wednesdays from 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM ~ Sermon discussion

Lori Behrens - Sundays at 5:30 PM ~ Sermon discussion

Prayer Conference Call -

Lori Behrens - Thursdays at 7:45 AM



Facebook Live Worship

Wednesdays

Join us for Live Worship on Facebook at 7PM every Wednesday evening. If you have any requests, drop them in the comments on FB on Wednesday's post.



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